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For : STIFFENED SUSPENSION FOR A  
STORAGE DEVICE HAVING A  
LAYER OF COMPOSITE MATERIAL  
  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on  
May 24, 2004 in which claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 15, 16, 21, 23, and  
24 were rejected. Please amend the above-identified application  
as follows.

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